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SAFEGUARD PROJECT

1. HIROSHI DAIFUKU (US, HEAD OF UNESCO'S MONUMENTS AND SITES DIVISION) HAS ADVISED PERMDEL THAT HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING MARCH 29 ON BUSINESS WHICH HE HOPES WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT AND AID OFFICIALS REGARDING POSSIBILITIES FOR US BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND RESTORE THE INDUS VALLEY PREHISTORIC URBAN SITE OF MOENJODARO. SPECIFICALLY, DAIFUKU WISHES TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE USG RELEASING TO THE GOP FOR MOENJODARO ABOUT FOUR MILLION DOLLARS OF PAKISTANI RUPEES HELD BY THE US. DAIFUKU REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT ASSIST HIM BY MAKING APPROPRIATE STATE AND AID APPOINTMENTS.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, UNESCO UNDERTOOK TO ORGANIZE AN INTERNATIONAL "PROJECT TO SAFEGUARD MOENJODARO" (SEE DECISION 4.5.5 OF THE 93RD UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION, FALL 1973). AN INTERNATIONAL APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS WAS LAUNCHED IN EARLY 1974 BY UNESCO AND IN  
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MID-1974 THE SECRETARIAT (DAIFUKU) WAS DISCUSSING THE

RELEASE OF PL-480-ACQUIRED RUPEES BY THE SMITHSONIAN TO UNESCO FOR MOENJODARO. HOWEVER, IN THE WAKE OF THE UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE DECISIONS AGAINST ISRAEL, US CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO SUSPEND ALL USG FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF UNESCO OF COURSE HALTED FURTHER ACTION ON US ASSISTANCE THROUGH UNESCO FOR MOENJODARO. MOREOVER, OTHER MAJOR DONORS, PROSPECTIVELY THE UK AND THE FRG, WHICH LATTER HAS ALREADY DONATED ONE MILLION DM, ARE AWAITING A SIGNIFICANT US INVOLVEMENT IN MOENJODARO BEFORE ASSISTING AS A MAJOR US ROLE IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS OF MOENJODARO PROJECT.

3. ACCORDING TO DAIFUKU, PAKISTANI PRESIDENT BHUTTO ATTACHES GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO SUCCESS OF THE MOENJODARO PRMJECT. IN PART, MOENJODARO--AS THE OLDEST KNOWN SITE OF AN URBAN CIVILIZATION IN THE SUB CONTINENT --REINFORCES A SENSE OF NATIONAL IDENTITY SEPARATE FROM INDIA. MOREOVER, GOP CONSIDERS MOENJODARO PRESERVATION EFFORTS DIRECTLY COMPLEMENT AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TO LOWER THE SALINE WATER TABLE IN THIS PART OF THE INDUS AND ESPECIALLY AN INTEGRAL PART OF RIVER CONTROL EFFORTS AS THESE INCLUDE DIVERTING THE MEANDER PATTERNS OF THE INDUS; CURRENT MEANDER PATTERNS NOW MENACE THE MOENJODARO SITE. DAIFUKU NOTED THAT, REFLECTIVE OF GOP TOP-LEVEL INTEREST, HE WILL BE MEETING WITH PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO THE US TO CONSULT ON SETTING UP A PRIVATE US COMMITTEE OF SUPPORT FOR MOENJODARO. DAIFUKU WILL CONSULT MR. BUNTING' DESCRIBED AS A RETIRED AID OFFICIAL WHO HAD SERVED IN PAKISTAN ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO, TO ESTABLISH A US SUPPORT COMMITTEE THAT WOULD UNDERTAKE LIAISON WITH THE US COMMITTEE OF ICOMOS.

4. DAIFUKU STRESSED THAT WERE US-HELD RUPEES TO BE RELEASED TO THE PAKISTANIS FOR MOENJODARO, IT WOULD NOT VIOLATE LETTER OR SPIRIT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CUT-OFF OF FUNDS FOR UNESCO. ALL OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY UNESCO'S SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE IN THE PROJECT COME OUT OF UNESCO'S REGULAR BUDGET (ABOUT \$55,000 FOR 1975-76 AND LIKELY \$60,000 FOR THE 1977-78 BIENNIUM).

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5. PERMDEL ATTACHE FOR DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS SUGGESTED TO DAIFUKU AS POSSIBLE POINTS OF CONTACT IN AID, MR. HERBERT REES, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SOUTH ASIA AFFAIRS, AND MR. GEORGE MCCLOSKEY, AID PAKISTAN DESK OFFICER. DAIFUKU PLANS ALSO TO BE IN TOUCH WITH SMITHSONIAN OFFICIALS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE NAMES AND DATES OF APPOINTMENTS FOR DAIFUKU IN THE WEEK OF MARCH 29-APRIL 2. HIS SCHEDULE

INCLUDES BUSINESS WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT  
BANK AND THE WORLD BANK ON COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MATTERS..  
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